

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 445

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Amy Stevens and the Monterey High School softball team upon winning the District 7-A Softball Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, lead by Head Coach Amy Stevens, the Monterey High School Lady Wildcats have achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2005 season, winning the District 7-A Softball Tournament Championship; and

WHEREAS, after a narrow loss in the first championship game, the Lady Cats regrouped and trounced on the Hermitage Springs softball team in the tournament final with a score of nine to five; and

WHEREAS, christening their new field with their second consecutive Tri-Lakes Conference Tournament Title, Monterey's softball team came back to win in the second game of the Tournament Championship Doubleheader; and

WHEREAS, after going down three to zero in the top of the first, the Lady Cats bounced back with two runs; and

WHEREAS, after struggling in the first three innings, Monterey's senior pitcher, Ashley Walker regained her composure and shut down Hermitage Springs' offense with stifling pitching, striking out six batters; and

WHEREAS, roaring back in the fifth, the Lady Cats took the lead off of stellar hitting by Jennifer Schlien, Ashley Walker, and Samantha Farley; and

WHEREAS, sealing their victory in the bottom of the sixth, Jessica Wood smashed a double to score Jessica Garrett and Jennifer Schlien; and

WHEREAS, district championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel together with a cooperative spirit; the Lady Wildcats exhibited each of these rare qualities during their district tournament; and

WHEREAS, the softball players at Monterey High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the field while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; they inspired the school's student body and united their entire community in completing their triumphal run through the 7-A District Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship softball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Monterey High School Lady Wildcats for winning the 2005 District 7-A Softball Championship and for serving as examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Head Coach Amy Stevens and the Monterey High School Lady Wildcats upon capturing the District 7-A Tournament Championship, wish them luck for the remainder of their softball season, and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.